

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the
State of Nevada
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Pollution Control

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Director received an application for renewal of a Class I (Title V) Air Quality Operating Permit No. AP4911-0457.02, FIN A0375 from the following applicant:

Sierra Pacific Power Company D/B/A NV Energy
North Valmy Generating Station
23755 Treaty Hill Road
Valmy, Nevada, 89438

The project is located in Humboldt County, Nevada, approximately 4 miles north of US Interstate Highway 80 between Winnemucca, Nevada and Battle Mountain, Nevada. The Director has prepared tentative determinations regarding the operating permit that, in brief, include the following processes:

The Valmy facility (Valmy) produces about 500 Megawatts of power. Valmy consists of two coal-fired steam electric generating units plus a variety of auxiliary equipment. The renewal will include a revision. The revision addressed an Operating Permit to Construct that replaced the Ecodyne Cooling Tower with a more efficient SPX Cooling Tower which lowered emissions. Additionally, five baghouses were replaced with two wet extraction units. The boilers are subject to Acid Rain requirements (40 CFR Part 72, Subpart A).

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing her intent to issue the renewal of the Class I (Title V) Air Quality Operating Permit based on a review of the information, as proposed. A copy of the draft renewal permit is available for public inspection at:

Humboldt County Library
85 East 5th Street
Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445
(775) 623-6388

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Director regarding this proposed action should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or fax within thirty **(30)** days to:

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The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be received at the Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until **March 27, 2014**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the Class I (Title V) operating permit.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.